





First SOSFest rocks out for charity

MUSIC The city's busy summer festival schedule has another gem to look forward to as the Old Strathcona Business Association and Responsible Hospitality Edmonton announced an array of performers at Edmonton's first annual eclectic music festi-

SOSFest will be rocking at a variety of locations in the heart of Old Strathcona's live music district in support of Alberta Music Education Foundation and War Child Canada.

The festival kicks off July 9 and runs until July 11.

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Stony Plain Mr. Fix-it gets a little help

Jeff Deslauriers' girlfriend, Meghan Klatchuck, shows the Oilers backstop the proper way to use a table saw yesterday at the Habitat for Humanity job site in Stony Plain. Story, page 2.

ing fraud

Ottawa aims at crooked immigration consultants with new bill

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney has tabled new legislation meant to prevent crooked immigration consultants from cheating vulnerable new-comers of their savings or encouraging them to lie to stay in Canada.

The measures would make it a crime for unauthorized consultants to provide immigration advice for a fee. They could face up to two years in jail or a \$50,000 fine for even trying to engage in immigration

At the same time, Kenney is also delisting the self-regulating Canadian Society for Immigration Consultants as the body that decides who can be a legal consultant.

CSIC has been criticized for charging too much for membership, lacking transparency, and turning a blind eye to unscrupulous consultants in its own ranks, Kenney said.

Instead, the minister plans to set up a new regulatory body, accountable to the government and with the power and will to police its members.

"While most immigration consultants working in Canada are legitimate and ethical, it is clear that immigration fraud remains a widespread threat to the integrity of Canada's immigration system," Kenney told reporters.

Ricardo Miranda wishes the measures had been around when he tried to immigrate to Canada from Chile about 15 years ago. He and his family paid a con-sultant about \$5,000 US to do the paperwork for them.

They waited for years for progress. But when they finally did get their paperwork, it turned out to be

Miranda was pulled over by police about 12 years later, and told that his paperwork was not authentic.

"The police stopped me and said, 'Ricardo, you don't have paper in Canada. I said really? ... I can't believe it," Miranda told reporters after accompanying Kenney to the news confer-

Miranda went to jail for eight days before he could find help. The family was one week away from being deported until they were granted status on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

None hurt, no spills in train car derailment, says CP Rail

RAILWAY Five rail cars carrying glycol left the tracks in central Alberta, but a railway spokeswoman says none of the chemical spilled.

Canadian Pacific Railway's Breanne Feigel says part of a southbound freight derailed north of Penhold yesterday.

She says no one was hurt and there was no environmental damage.

Glycol is used in the production of anti-freeze.

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detour was put in place on Highway 2A during the

cleanup. Feigel says security measures are in place to Breanne stop the

Breanne Feigel, train. "What Canadian happens Pacific when some cars Railway

involved in an incident is that the train does go into an emergency brake situation.

"So that's what's happened in this case. The brakes turn on automatically and it puts the engineer and the conductor into a position to stop the train properly and assess the situation.

Feigel also said the railway was focusing on reopening the line and investigating why it

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Grey Cup sellout breaks records

Tickets for the 98th Grey Cup game on Nov. 28 in Edmonton have sold out just one week after going on sale to the public June 1. Edmonton has set a record for the fastest sellout of Grey Cup tickets and the earliest sellout at 173 days before the game. METRO EDMONTON



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Celebrate fruits of old age

Creative Age Fest offering art exhibits, theatre, workshops

MIRIAM ITZECK for Metro Edmonton

That retirement is not the end but the start of an active lifestyle is something Edmonton's senior citizens are eager to prove this week with Creative Age Festival 2010.

Coun. Linda Sloan, cochair of the festival, launched its third year at city hall yesterday. From June 8 to 16, a vari-

ety of events throughout the city will celebrate the positive contribution of creative expression to the health and well-being of older adults.

Sixteen events and 150 performers will show Edmonton through interactive workshops, theatre

and choral festivals, and art exhibitions that age is nothing but a number. About 2,000 people attended the festival in 2009, and Sloan expects the number to double this year

James Cupido, 79, is one the volunteers for the festival. For its campaign, he had his picture taken with his violin.

"Age means you're grow-

ing in wisdom, because you learn as you go. You build up relationships and love, understanding, and trust in others," Cupido said.

A volunteer for 67 years, he wants to encourage other elderly people to get involved in the community.

"No one is an island," he said. "We all belong to each

City's finest to battle again on grid iron for the Stollery

FOOTBALL City police plan on tackling Edmonton fire-fighters on July 31, but this time they'll be leaving the handcuffs at home.

The third annual charity touch-football game between the Edmonton Police Service and city firefighters is kicking off to raise funds for the Stollery Children's Hospi-

The gridiron battle has a special place in firefighter Darin Loucraft's, heart as his daughter Delaney had to use the hospital's services when she broke her leg at six months of age.

"Just being there and witnessing the professionalism of the doctors and nurses, they really put you at ease even though you're in a bad situation," said the charity football game rookie. "It's an invaluable resource.

Loucraft said the annual match is more than just a game between Edmonton's finest and bravest

"I'm looking forward to the camaraderie," he said. "Obviously there's a bit of a rivalry between us and the police department, so it's always fun to play.

So far the series has gone in favour of the police. They hold a 2-0 record coming into the July 31 grudge match.

Tickets are \$10, or \$20 for a family.

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Players' partners join Oiler to build Habitat home

CHARITY When Oilers goalie Jeff Deslauriers isn't stopping pucks for the copper and blue, you may find him on a job site sawing wood for a family near you.

The Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, along with a few Oilers and girlfriends, joined Deslauriers out in Stony Plain yesterday to help build a home for a Habitat for Humanity fami-

ly.
"I'm just here to help the community. It's always a good thing to do," Deslauriers said. "As a hockey player we're busy in the winter, and in the summer we just have training, so it's a good way to give our time to a great cause."

girlfriend, Deslauriers' Meghan Klatchuck, seemed a little more comfortable with the table saw than the Oilers backstop, not to mention the fact that she's trained to handle a medical emergency, should



Oilers wives and girlfriends, along with members of the Oilers Community Foundation, helped build a house for a Habitat for Humanity family in Stony Plain yesterday.

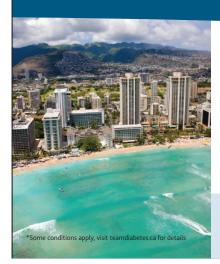
need arise.

"I'm a registered nurse so hopefully my skills and capabilities won't be put to use today," she said. "A home is a foundation for a family, so it's really nice to be a part of something that get people back on their feet and help out in the community.

Habitat volunteers were

working on two six-plex homes in Stony Plain and hope to have them finished by the end of November.

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'You have to be sun smart'

Dermatologists promoting awareness of skin cancer

MIRIAM ITZECK for Metro Edmonton

Even though we haven't seen much of it yet this year, protecting our skin from the sun is important all year round.

To increase awareness of sun related skin damage, Edmonton dermatologists offered free skin cancer screening at City Centre Mall yesterday.

"Sun is not just there when it's sunny. Ultraviolet radiation gets through the clouds," said local dermatologist Dr. Mariusz Sapijaszko.

Sapijaszko volunteered his time to educate about 150 people about abnormalities of their skin.

The screening event was part of the Canadian Dermatology Association's 22nd National Sun Awareness Week.

"We try to promote awareness that having fun in the sun is perfectly okay, but you have to be sun smart," Sapijaszko said. "When the skin gets damaged through sun, over time it creates photo damage and then skin cancer." Sapijaszko said.

Preventable in a majority of the cases, if skin cancer is detected too late, it **75,000**

About 75,000 new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in Canada every year.

can have severe consequences for the patient.

"Not only sometimes people die, but also the treatment is tough. It can leave people disfigured. Not to mention the pain involved and the recovery time," Sapijasko said.

Cindy Bilodea was diagnosed with skin cancer at the lower lip several months ago. Five stitches were necessary to remove it.

During a biopsy, two additional basal cell carcinomas were detected. Bilodea attended the screening event to make others aware of the importance of sun protection.

"I used tanning beds in my 20s and I had tons of sunburns," she said. "By my late 30s I noticed little changes in my skin. But I still wanted to have that supposedly healthy glow," the 41-year-old said.

"Now I'm afraid of the sun. I wear long sleeve shirts and long pants, even when it's hot out."

Skin cancer is currently



Dr. Mariusz Sapijaszko critically observes a mole on Janis Baarda's forearm at a free public skin cancer screening at City Centre Mall yesterday.

the number one cancer in Canada. With a referral to a dermatologist, skin cancer screenings are covered by the Alberta health-care system

Learning groups discuss new ways to join forces

MIRIAM ITZECK

EDUCATION Coun. Don Iveson, chair of the Edmonton City of Learners Initiative, hosted a day of discussion about learning opportunities and challenges within the city yesterday.

Members of over 50 local learning organizations, including researchers, teachers and students, came together at the downtown Stanley A. Milner Library.

Using other cities that have implemented City of Learners initiatives as examples, they worked together to find new ways of collaboration between various sectors of learning in Edmonton.

"There already are

"We're already a city of learners, but we have some gaps to fill."

Coun. Don Iveson

strong networks in place, but they haven't traditionally all been in the same room together," said Iveson about his decision to host the discussion.

"Imagine the resonance of the library, the school boards, the major employers all getting together and taking on a specific issue at the same time. We're already a city of learners, but we have some gaps to fill, and we want to exert that we as a city are ready to do this."

Tech cuts oilsands' impact: Imperial CEO

ENERGY The head of one of Canada's largest oilsands producers says new technology has softened the impact his industry is having on the environment.

Imperial Oil chief executive Bruce March says oilsands producers have cut the carbon dioxide per barrel they produce by 39 per cent since 1990.

He says Imperial Oil's new Kearl project being built in Alberta will have the same greenhouse gas emissions over the life of the operation as the average conventional crude project in North America. Imperial Oil is also a ma-

Imperial Oil is also a major partner in Syncrude, the world's largest oilsands producer and one of the oldest.

March made his remarks in a speech to the Economic Club in Ottawa as part of the industry's recent push to polish its tarred image.

He said the massive BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico will bring greater scrutiny on the industry in general, not just offshore producers.

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Pine beetles cause runoff problems: Research

FORESTRY Research indicates mountain pine beetles are likely to cause water problems for communities downstream of the forests they infest.

Increased runoff from dead forests is likely to reduce the quality of the water in the streams and rivers that flow out of them, says Uldis Silins, a professor at the University of Alberta. He suggests water treatment plants will have to be able to filter out more sediment and organic nutrients. As well, rivers downstream of the beetleinfected forests could also

suffer algae blooms.

"When mountain pine beetles attack, it changes how much water the trees consume," said Silins. "By killing these trees, the beetle is making a lot more water available."

Silins said his research shows that, in a healthy forest, water that falls is either used by the pines or evaporates off needles. But all that changes in a forest killed by pine beetles.

His study shows that water from a forest freshly killed by the beetles increases by 40 per cent.

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News in brief

TRAFFIC Motorists should be prepared for major delays due to total overnight closures of Whitemud Drive over the Quesnell Bridge. Due to construction, the area will be completely shut off from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. between Thursday.

June 10 and Friday, June 18. Drivers are advised to use Groat Road or Anthony Henday drive as alternate routes, as major travel delays are expected in the area starting at 8 p.m.

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Poll suggests demand for Liberal-NDP alliance

A new poll suggests more than half of Canadians favour some sort of co-operation between the federal Liberals and New Democrats. But The Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey indicates there's no consensus on what form that co-operation should take. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Canadian grass makes World Cup

Canada's soccer team didn't qualify for the World Cup in South Africa, but some of the country's best grass did. Pickseed, a company based in Lindsay, Ont., spent four years developing a special blend of grass that can withstand the stomping of soccer feet, regrow quickly and spread thickly. The blend has been chosen for the turf at the main soccer stadium in Johannesburg and at dozens of other practice fields and World Cup venues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

STEM CELLS It's "irresponsible and despicable" that many overseas clinics are purportina to offer stem cell treatments for people with illnesses without any scientific evidence, says the head of Canada's Stem Cell Network. A study group report released yesterday by the International Society for Stem Cell Research aims to educate those who might be tempted, by providing criteria for people to evaluate claims made by hundreds of these socalled "rogue" clinics around the world.

TASERS The secretary general for Amnesty International Canada says while there have been great strides to improve stun gun use in Canada, there needs to be a strict set of national standards. Alex Neve said yesterday the federal government needs to show leadership to ensure new standards for use of the weapons apply to all police forces, and not just the RCMP.

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Virginia Kiss and make up?



Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae kisses Yasser Abbas, son of Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, during a news conference in Arlington, Va., yesterday. Rae met with his father. Mahmoud Abbas, to "make sure that we build some kind of momentum for a real two-state solution" for the Israelis and Palestinians.

PM urged diplomat message track: Probe

Bottled Messages **Special Report**

The long arm of Tory message control has reached around the world in an attempt to orchestrate virtually every public utterance by seasoned diplomats, from Britain to Bangladesh, an investiga-

tion by The Canadian Press concludes.

The secret to this unprecedented attempt to stage-manage Canada's most experienced high commissioners, ambassadors and diplomats is the Message Event Proposal a finely developed information tool aimed at giving the Prime Minister's Office total control over

communication. MEPs obtained under the

Access to Information Act reveal how Stephen Harper's office has employed the device to micromanage Canadian diplomacy in the United States, the United Kingdom, continental Europe, Asia and Africa.

Even the most able and trusted of Canada's foreign service officers have been subjected to strict controls by the PMO

through its public service arm, the Privy Council Office. "There's no question it has a bit of a chilling effect on people, because they know that they have

to avoid being off-message

at all — and that's what the government wants," said one currently serving diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity. A PCO spokeswoman has defended the government's use of MEPs, saying they are a tool for communication. The Prime Minister's Office has declined comment.

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Ex-Afghan minister warns Taliban peace talks will shatter progress of women's rights.



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canada A source says former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer won't show up to today's

meeting of the Commons government operations committee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa defends \$2M 'marketing pavilion'

ment scrambled vesterday to mount a furious defence of its G8/G20 summit planning to douse escalating opposition attacks on the enormous cost of hosting the international gatherings.

Those attacks were threatening to swamp the substance of what the gov-ernment wants to achieve at the summits while endangering the Conserva-tives' hard-won reputation for economic management.

The opposition barbs were built around a decision to construct an artificial reflecting pool in the media centre in Toronto during the upcoming G8 and G20 summits.

Just don't call it a fake Minister Prime

"This is a classic attempt for us to try and market the country."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Stephen Harper said in the Commons. It's a well-planned "marketing pavilion" to promote Canadian tourism, he said.

The government hastily assembled reporters from every news organization on Parliament Hill yesterday to present a bid to defend the marketing pavilion.

"Our government will not apologize for marketing and promoting Canada to the entire world," said Dimitri Soudas, Harper's tions, kicking off the 45minute pitch.

In the House of Commons, the prime minister made a similar pitch, refuting accusations that he was spending \$2 million on a fake lake. "In fact, Mr. Speaker, what there is, is a \$2-million marketing pavilion," Harper said.

"There are thousands of visitors from around the world. This is a classic attempt for us to try and market the country.'

The Tories were under fire for the second straight day for spending \$1.9 million on a display that includes an artificial lake, canoes, a dock, deck chairs, a place to watch soccer and a pretend Toronto Stock Exchange. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

COMPLAINT The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has filed formal complaints with the RCMP's watchdog over the deaths of two men. The complaints to the Commission for . Public Complaints Against the RCMP relate to the deaths of Raymond Silverfox, who died in a Whitehorse cell in December 2008, and Robert Stone, who died in a detox centre last month, several hours after he was released from custody.

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U.S. Senators looking to crack down on prepaid cellphones

Alarmed by the use of hard-to-track prepaid cellphones by terror suspects, two U.S. senators have introduced legislation requiring consumers to produce identification before buying such phones. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, and John Cornyn, a Republican, are hoping to schedule hearings on the bill through the Judiciary Committee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Yahoo Inc. said it signed British soccer star David Beckham as a brand ambassador ahead of the World Cup tournament in a move to draw more users to the online media company's products. Under the deal announced yesterday, Beckham will be featured on Yahoo websites and products exclusively before and after the World Cup, which begins in South Africa on Friday, as well as in company marketing. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama talks tough

U.S. President Barack Obama says his talks with Gulf fishermen and oil spill experts are not an academic exercise. It's "so I know whose ass to kick."

One target for the presidential foot: Tony Hayward, the embattled chief executive of BP PLC.

Obama was asked by NBC Today show host Matt Lauer about Hayward's past comments that "I want my life back," that the Gulf was "a big ocean" and that "the environmental impact of this disaster is likely to be very, very modest.'

He wouldn't be working for me after any of those statements," Obama said, according to excerpts released by NBC.

The interview aired yesterday. It was part of a stepped up White House effort to show that Obama is actively engaged in dealing with the worst oil spill in U.S. history, and to distance itself from the London-based oil giant, formerly known as British Petrole-

"I don't sit around just talking to experts because this is a college seminar, we talk to these folks because they potentially have the best answers — so I know whose ass to U.S. President Barack Obama kick."

um. Polls have shown a majority of Americans believe Obama was handling the crisis poorly.

Obama stepped up his rhetoric with NBC's Lauer while on a trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to deliver a high-school commencement address.

In the interview, he strongly defended his role in dealing with the crisis, including

his three visits to the region since the spill began.

'I was down there a month ago before most of these talking heads were even paying attention to the Gulf," Obama said.

Obama said he has talked

to a variety of "experts" on the oil spill in addition to the fishermen.

"I don't sit around just talking to experts because this is a college seminar, we talk to these folks because they potentially have the best answers — so I know whose ass to kick," the president said.

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Gaza Strip Border lineups



A Palestinian girl sleeps on luggage as she waits to cross into Egypt at the Rafah border crossing in Gaza, yesterday. The opening of Gaza's border has hundreds crowding around officials to learn when, and if, they can cross into Egypt.

WHO boss denies conflict of interest

FLU The head of the World Health Organization said yesterday that her decisions about the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, were not influenced by advisers links to pharmaceutical companies, which were pointed out in a critical journal article this month.

The article last week in the BMJ, formerly known as the British Medical Journal, pointed out that WHO did not disclose potential conflicts of interest among some of the experts involved in writing guidelines for pandemic flu prepara-

Three scientists out of 22 who worked on the guidelines were named as having received some money from pharmaceuticals.

The scientists did not work at the drug compa-nies, but were paid for things like speaking at meetings sponsored

The guidelines recommend, among other things, that countries consider buying antivirals and vaccines to combat a pandemic.

"At no time, not for one second, did commercial interests enter my decisionmaking," WHO Director-General Margaret Chan THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

NORTH CAROLINA A Tennessee man says he planned to propose to his girlfriend along a North Carolina hiking trail when she was struck and killed by lightning. Thirty-year-old Richard Butler of Knoxville tells the Asheville Citizen Times

that he took Bethany Lott to Max Patch Bald, near Asheville. He says he wanted his 25-yearold girlfriend to think the two were on a hike but that he had a ring in his pocket and was planning to ask her to marry him. Heavy rain let up as the

two walked, but more bad weather returned. Butler says there were three lightning strikes. The last one hit the couple. Butler suffered thirddegree burns. Paramedics declared Lott dead at the scene. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Anti-rape condom unveiled

JOSEFINA SOLOMON

SOUTH AFRICA A doctor has launched a new female condom aimed at preventing rapes — and she plans to give away 30,000 for free before the start of the World Cup.

The female condom, Rape-aXe, is covered by tiny hooks which, in case of rape, attach themselves to the attacker's penis.

According to its creator the only way to remove the condom is in hospital where the man would be identified as a criminal.

Unlike previous proto-types, it would not cut the attacker's skin, reducing the risk of HIV infection.

It's inventor, Dr. Sonnet Ehlers, said she was inspired by a rape victim who



Dr. Sonnet Ehlers developed the condom because South Africa has one of the highest rates of rape in the world.

told her "if only I had teeth down there."

She explained the system would cause great pain to the attacker, leaving time for the victim to escape.

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Barely treading water in lake of debt



his is the first time I've ever agreed Chief Bloc Head Gilles Duceppe.

indoor fake lake planned for the G8 summit in a Toronto media centre right next to Lake Ontario — is indeed "one of the funniest things I've ever heard."

The only thing funnier was that photograph of Canada's national separatist wearing a shower cap at a cheese factory during the 1997 federal election. But I digress.

The fact that you and I are paying \$2 million for the lake by the lake (complete with Muskoka chairs) as an amenity for international journalists who may be intimidated by a real lake and need to stay indoors is not so funny.

Nor is the estimated \$2billion price tag for both the G20 in Toronto and the G8 in the real Muskoka. That's a lot of money for a meeting (well, two meetings). Haven't these world leaders ever heard of Skype?

Especially when the meeting is about how to get out of the global financial glue. They should all be eating cheese sandwiches on park benches in Allan Gardens. The simple truth is they can't afford any The U.S. national debt alone is north of \$13

trillion, which is 90 per cent of its GDP. Do you have any idea how much a trillion dollars is? Neither do I, but to go through it we'd have to spend \$1 every second for the next 31,000 years.

Or we could just get the U.S. government to do it for us: Washington will spend \$1.6 trillion more than it makes in just one year.

Canada's national debt is more modest — a mere \$527.5 billion (and counting) but isn't it bad form for a bunch of bankrupt oligarchs to be throwing

around the peasants' money on fake lakes when they should all be sent to bed without their suppers and no allowance for an entire month?

I realize the lion's share of the cost for the G8/G20 blowout is for security. Someone could fall into the fake lake, never mind the real one right next to it. But the Harper administration is sparing no expense to talk about the worst fi-nancial crisis since the Great Depression.

Maybe the fake lake is an appropriate symbol after all. We're all under water. And we have no idea how to get our heads back above the water line. Washington, for example, has started taking online donations. I kid you not: Check this www.pay.gov/paygov/ forms/formInstance.html? agencyFormId=23779454.

Here in Canada, the Harper government doesn't bother to ask. It's enough to make a separatist smile.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting;

Word on the street: Will you be cheering for anyone at the start of the World Cup?

Ashkon Mohammadzadeh Edmonton

A: I will be cheering for the Netherlands or England. I just love them. I like how the players are on the team ... I'm a huge soccer fan. I watch it all the

Aisha **Brown** Edmonton

for France this year, because they are the best team ever. I like their strategies, the way they sportsmanship.

Bryan Folks Edmonton

A: I'll be cheering play and their good They're just a good

Pontes Ottawa

A: I like soccer, but I don't follow it. But soccer plays such a big role in South Africa. I think it would be great for them to win. I don't think they will though, they just don't have the big

money and sponsorships.

Nicole

A: Portugal, cause of my nationality. And Cristiano Ronaldo is pretty

Zokpah Dahn Halifax

A: I'd say Spain or Brazil ... I'm (also hoping) for a team from Africa to win. It's the first time for the World Cup in

Jasmin Rusch Visitina

Vancouver from Switzerland

A: Of course cheering for the Swiss ... I like South the Africa, too, but that's a really long shot. In the end, probably Spain will win the World Cup.





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GM announces massive recall

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Construction slows as housing market cools

HOUSING New home construction slowed in May as the number of startups last month fell below economists' expectations — the latest indicator that Canada's once white-hot housing market is cooling off. Canada Mortgage and

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reported yesterday that the annual rate of housing starts dropped last month, pegging the rate at 189,100 units in May, down from a revised 201,800 in April.

Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at the Bank of Montreal, said May's figures were below expectations but "hardly a shock." "The surprise so far in

"The surprise so far in 2010 had been how quickly starts had ramped up from their depressed levels a year ago." Porter wrote

in a note yester-day. "While the May level of starts is the lowest so far this year, it's still above where we see activity for all of 2010."

Economists have widely predicted a slowdown in the housing market in the

second half of 2010.

CMHC said the decrease in May is consistent with its forecast of 182,000 housing starts for all of 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hong Kong Protesters decry 'bloody Apple'



Protesters pray for the Foxconn workers who committed suicide next to a doctored cardboard cutout of Apple Inc.'s chief executive Steve Jobs at an Apple Inc. premium reseller in Hong Kong yesterday. Protesters picketed Foxconn's annual general meeting and targeted Apple retailers, accusing both the computer giant and its supplier of poor corporate ethics after a recent spate of suicides at Foxconn factories in mainland China.

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Report pushes feds to innovate

Put improvements before inventions: Think-tank

The Canadian government puts too much emphasis on invention, and not enough on innovation — even though the latter drives economic prosperity, according to a new report from a competitiveness think-tank.

Government policy tends to support inventions at the expense of improvements in existing products or processes that would provide value to consumers, says the provincially funded Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity.

For instance, the latest federal budget increased funding for the research

granting councils by \$32 billion. Of this increase, \$29 billion was directed to sciences and health research, and only \$3 billion to social sciences and humanities, which would include business schools and executive management programs.

"We need science-based discovery as a foundation for innovation. But our prosperity is the result of business innovation that adds value to our day-to-day lives," said Roger Martin, chair of the institute.

The report argues against government cuts in education as a means to dealing with sky-high

deficits. That was the approach Ottawa took in the mid-1990s, and it would be a mistake to do it again, the institute said.

Canada once invested in education at nearly the same per capita rate as the U.S., but has fallen behind by as much as 21 per cent.

"We must continue making investments in education to increase access for all Canadians to post secondary education, to raise the number of master's graduates, and to improve the classroom experience for students," the report

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Business in brief

PRIVACY CONCERNS Google has admitted it "screwed up" and is giving European authorities the private data it accidentally collected with its Street View cars. The admission comes on the heels of Canadian Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart announcing an investigation into the same thing. Google chief executive Eric Schmidt

said on Friday that the company would start transferring the information this week. A Google spokeswoman confirmed that the information would be sent to German, French and Spanish data-protection authorities.

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OIL INDUSTRY The Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster is going to
profoundly change how the

energy resource is explored and produced in the future, says the head of Imperial Oil. Chief executive Bruce March said yesterday the British Petroleum spill that President Barack Obama has called the biggest ecological disaster in U.S. history will bring the industry under increased public and government scrutiny.

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Wozniak advances at Aegon Classic

Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak advanced to the second round of the Aegon Classic yesterday. Wozniak, the ninth-seeded player from Blainville, Que., did well to quell the serve-and-volley threat from Australia's Alicia Molik, winning 7-5, 6-1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS metro

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Strasburg dazzles in debut

Over-hyped? Are you kidding? Stephen Strasburg went beyond the hype — and anyone's reasonable expectations — by striking out 14 batters in his electric league debut. With a standing-room-only crowd cheering every pitch, the Washington Nationals phenom put on a dazzling display of pitching power last night in a 5-2 win over Pittsburgh. His fastballs reached 100 m.p.h., and the Pirates found his nasty curves nearly impossible to hit.

Pronger not worried about past

With ugly game behind him, veteran says he's focused on Game 6

Chris Pronger wore his usual relaxed manner and impish grin when he faced the media yesterday, as though the ugly numbers he put up in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup final never happened.

The Flyers defenceman was probably right to insist he didn't play that badly, despite going minus-5 and being on the ice for six of the Chicago Blackhawks' seven goals in a 7-4 victory that put the Flyers on the brink of elimination. On the other goal, he was in the penalty box.

One went in off his leg, another was blocked by his leg but went right to an opponent for a pass and a goal, another saw goalie Michael Leighton beat on a long shot that no defenceman could prevent.

So instead of dwelling on it, he's looking for the entire Philadelphia team to bounce back with a strong effort at home in Game 6 tonight (CBC, 6 p.m.) to try to force a decisive seventh game in Chicago two nights later.

The Blackhawks lead the best-of-seven series 3-2.

"I've already started to



Michael Leighton of the Philadelphia Flyers pauses for a drink during practice yesterday in Philadelphia.

focus on Game 6 and I'm not really worried about Pronger said of the Game 5 debacle, in which the speedy Blackhawks skated rings around the Flyers through the first period, then got timely goals

Philadelphia battled

"I don't know if you've watched much of the video but I have. There's not a whole lot you can do when a puck bounces off your shin pad and goes in

Leighton's game

 Flvers coach Peter Laviolette ended any debate over who will start in goal in Game 6 by giving a public nod to Michael Leighton yesterday. Leighton was pulled from Game 5 after allowing three first-period goals.

the net - a couple of times. So I'm not worried. It could easily have gone the other way.

usually does Philadelphia, where the Flyers are 9-1 in the postseason.

White-gloved NHL officials will have the Cup in the Wachovia Centre ready to be presented to the Blackhawks if they win. That's motivation enough the 35-year-old Pronger.

"I think we know what we're up against," he said. 'They're trying to close us out and we're trying to get

to a Game 7.
"Everyone in the lockerroom understands what's at stake and what we need to do." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

NBA Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert refused to comment yesterday on reports he has offered a job to Michigan State's Tom Izzo and said superstar free agent LeBron James will not be consulted during the team's search for a new coach. Speaking at a news conference, Gilbert strongly refuted theories that lames has had input on previous hires, the firing of coach Mike Brown and general manager Danny Ferry's recent departure. NHL Scott Arniel is the new

head coach of the Columbus

Blue Jackets. The 47-year-old was the head coach of the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League for the past four seasons. **HOCKEY** Bodychecking more than triples the risk of injury and concussion in peewee hockey, according to a study conducted by the University of Calgary. Researchers compared rates of injury between peewee teams in Alberta and Quebec.

Bodychecking is allowed at

the peewee level in Alberta

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Lakers take series lead

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Lakers 91 Celtics 84



NBA Kobe Bryant scored 29 points and Derek Fisher added 16 to lead Los Angeles to a 91-84 victory over the Boston Celtics last night and give the Lakers a 2-1 lead in the NBA finals.

Bryant had 25 points after three but did not score for the first 10 minutes of the fourth quarter. That's when Fisher took over, adding four key baskets after Boston winnowed a 17point first-half lead to one point.

Lakers regained home-court advantage they had lost when Boston took Game 2 in Los Angeles.

Game 4 is tomorrow night in Boston.

Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum had 10 rebounds

apiece for Los Angeles.

Kevin Garnett, who had just six points in Boston's victory Sunday, had 25 in Game 3. But Ray Allen, who had 32 points in Game 2, missed all 13 field goal attempts — one shy of the NBA finals futility record.

The Celtics had high hopes after splitting the opening two games in Los Angeles, but the "Beat L.A.!" chants at the TD Garden couldn't help them

overcome poor shooting. Allen and Paul Pierce combined to go 1-for-3 from the field as Boston went nearly six minutes without a field goal in the first half.

Pierce finished with 15 points, including 3-for-4 from three-point range, but Allen never snapped out of it. Boston's Rajon Rondo, who had a tripledouble in Game 3, finished with 11 points, eight assists and three rebounds.

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GM of Canada has announced the base price of the new 2011 Chevrolet Silverado HD pickup: The 2500 regular cab 2WD model starts at \$35,600.

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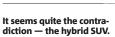
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Highlander Hybrid hip enough

Green living, suburban style co-exist in SUV

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Hybrids — in general — are the darlings of the urban "greenie," along with cloth grocery bags, fair trade lattes and David Suzuki documentaries.

SUVs on the other hand are the flagships of suburban excess. When they're not taking the lone executive on his or her daily two-hour commute, these gas guzzlers are loaded up with kids' soccer teams or schlepping mass quantities of boxes and cans from the local Costco.

Can these two interests co-exist?

I'd say "yes" as many of the former eventually have kids and move out to the 'burbs. And besides, not all of us who have shunned downtown living hate the environment.

Still, there aren't many hybrid SUVs on the market. Among them are the behemoth Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon hybrids, the compact Ford Escape hybrid, the premium Lexus RX 450h (starting at just under \$60K) and the even pricier (and less green) BMW ActiveHybrid X6, priced at just under \$100K.

The Highlander Hybrid, starting at \$43,025, is comparatively well priced, and



2010 Toyota Highlander Hybrid

Type: mid-size SUV Price: base \$43,025 Engine: DOHC 3.3 Litre DOHC, 24-Valve V6 Fuel Economy: 7.4/8.0/7.7 L/100 km (city/hwy/ combined)

Highlights

- Accommodates up to seven passengers
- Upscale looks

for a mid-sized SUV, is surprisingly roomy and can realistically accommodate up to seven passengers. Some have criticized its styling, calling it slab-sided and plain. I like its uncluttered sheet metal. And when decked out in Limited trim — as was my tester for the week — with its big 19-inch alloys and roofmounted spoiler, the Highlander looks quite upscale.

Like all Highlanders, it is powered by 3.3 Litre DO-HC, 24-Valve V6, working with high-torque electric motors front and rear. Combined, Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive delivers 270 hp across a broad power band and up to 212 lb/ft of torque. This is mated to a continuously variable transmission.

Despite its size, the Highlander launches quickly and enjoys a strong, linear flow of power. This hybrid is no wimp, but quickly loses the fuel-saving benefits of its green powerplant

when you mash the pedal. The Highlander Hybrid is less about compromise and more about delivering the benefits you'd expect from an SUV — with few of the downsides. And it shouldn't attract the scorn of your chardonnay-sipping downtown friends, who may even invite you to their own big-box shopping adventure.



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In Canada, the greystyle edition models are powered by the fuel-efficient 70 hp gasoline engine that offers excellent fuel economy and low vehicle emissions.

In fact, Natural Resources Canada has named the smart fortwo as the most fuel-efficient vehicle in the two-seater class for three consecutive years.

The interior features an exclusive combination of fabric and leather with yellow accents and trim parts finished in yellow and matte chrome. The yellow accents are also found in the double stitching of the nappa leather seats, which is the same leather used in premium Mercedes-Benz models. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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With advanced four-wheel drive, available V8 power and plenty of luxurious extras, there's bound to be a Jeep Grand Cherokee in the used market for virtually any shop-



The 1999-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee may not be thrifty but it has the performance you want from a 4x4.

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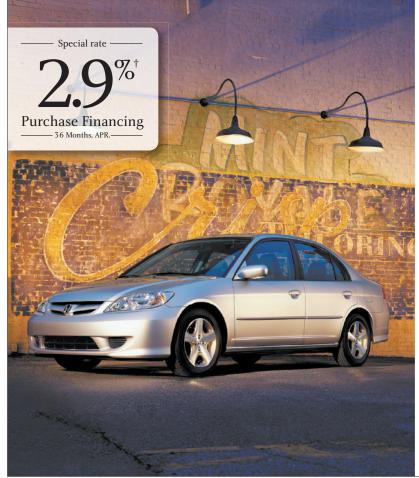
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Standard power came from a 195-horsepower, four-litre straight six, which is argued to be one of the most reliable American engines of all time. This unit was replaced by a 3.7 litre V6 later in the last-generation Grand Cherokee's life.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: No surprises here: capability, cargo room and all-season driving confidence were the main draws of the Grand Cherokee. Styling, performance and power were also highly rated.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Typical Grand Cherokee complaints include vague steering, a noisy mechanical cooling fan, a bouncy ride, and of course, hefty fuel consumption.

THE VERDICT: A non-abused and well-maintained last-generation Grand Cherokee isn't the thriftiest way to travel, though it remains a popular used 4x4 buy for owners who need plenty of power and prowess.



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Crossing Kenya's open plains

Masai Mara's unique wildlife reserve arguably Africa's finest

NICK BOULOS Metro World News

Of all the places to stop, this was surely the least sensible.

Climbing out of our open-sided jeep as the whispery blades of grass of the Masai Mara crunched under foot and with no-body but my guide Charles in sight, I suddenly felt rather apprehensive.

Very apprehensive, in fact.

This was, after all, lion country. And buffalo country. And let's not forget the rest of the Big Five that call these marshlands home: leopards, elephants and rhinos. They — as well as countless other creatures - roam this 1510sq km protected reserve freely.

I had already become well accustomed to chancing upon a pride of lions in the most

of

unlikely

places during our thrilling game drives, so I was understandably worried about my surroundings and what might be

lurking nearby.

"Are you sure it's safe to just roam around like this?" I asked Charles as he fetched a hamper from the back of our jeep parked under the only tree to be found anywhere in sight.

He nodded reassuringly, but somewhat contradicted himself by casually mentioning that the tree under which we were



The marshlands are home to leopards, elephants and rhinos.

standing is the official residence of the area's leop-

I glanced skyward to see the stripped pelt of a gazelle lying on a Roam this branch and deep claw marks etched protected into the trunk. reserve Sitting discarded on the parched ground was the chalk-white skull of a zebra.

The Mara spread out before us silently. Zebras and waterbucks grazed just yards away as the sun dipped beneath the hills in the far distance.

Thousands flock to the Masai Mara - arguably Africa's most famous wildlife reserve, an hour's flight from Nairobi — to catch a glimpse of the ze-



Lake Nakuru is home to several species of birds.

bra and wildebeest migration. In July, millions of the animals risk death by crossing the murky, crocodile-infested Mara River to reach the Serengeti in Tan-

But travel at the right time and you'll have this entire wilderness to yourself. Or so it feels.

In October, for example, the bumpy tracks that criss-cross the Mara are blissfully devoid of other jeeps.

The next day, chanced upon a cheetah feasting on a recent kill, a scared male lion stalking a



Classical in California

Stumbling upon a pride of lions is common in Masai Mara.



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wildebeest and a herd of elephants making slow progress across the horizon. Lady Luck was shining upon us as we tracked down Olive the leopard just hours before I was due to leave.

majestically Lounging across a high branch and well camouflaged, her piercing amber eyes stared down at us intently.

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There are so many mustdo's in this city it's hard to know where to start.

Here's a warp-speed guide: Tower of London beautiful-looking but a bit dull inside, Buckingham Palace — fascinating and hey, the Queen lives here, British Museum — one of the world's best, but don't expect to find anything British inside, Big Ben — a

tion photo, Greenwich you'll feel an irrepressible urge to stand astride the Greenwich Meridian, Natural History, Science Museums - possibly the greatest free attractions on the planet. and a Thames riverboat trip — great value, informative and usually a load of laughs.

Oh, and they have pubs. Lots of pubs.
I'VE BEEN BEFORE —

WHAT'S NEW?

What could be more

British than Tea at The

This piano-accompanied ritual, in the quintessential elegance of the most famous hotel in town, is nothing less than an institution.

It's so popular that you must book at least one month in advance. Afterwards wander down to another British institution Fortnum & Mason's in Piccadilly to slaver over one of the most extensive and delicious ranges of food on earth. In both cases you'll probably end up hitting the credit card hard quality doesn't cheap in London.

WHAT'S THE NIGHTLIFE LIKE?

Legendary. Too many clubs to list but don't miss Fabric in Clerkenwell for hardcore house, Koko in Camden for gigs and big DJ's, Punk in Soho for, er, everything and Floridita, in Wardour Street, for a night of very 'in' Latin dancing.



Big Ben is an easy vacation photo but London has much more.





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Catch a glimpse of super-rich vacations

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well do it in the penthouse suite on one of the world's finest passenger vessels complete with your own personal butler. A snip at \$216,000.

Or how about a week playing Pirates of the Johnny Caribbean on

Depp's very own boat? Hell, make it a fortnight, it's a bargain at \$170,000.

Bit pricey? If you're a billionaire feeling the pinch you could always downsize to week in Mick Jagger's villa in Mustique away at \$11,500.

They sound insane, but these are the jaw-dropping vacation options of the super-rich.

You don't like sailing? Then step forward Bruce

Johnny's boat

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Johnny Depp burgessyachts.com

Willis and illusionist David Copperfield.

Action flick hero Bruce has a \$6,500-per-night five bed villa on the beautiful Parrot Cay, in Turks and Caicos, in the Caribbean incidentally a big favourite

of designer Donna Karan. Copperfield goes one better. He has a whole bay named after him — naturally enough it's called Copperfield Bay and it's part of Musha Cay in the

Bahamas.

The beachfront villas are described as "so private you'll seem to disappear."What will also disappear is any sense of reality as this luxury costs a staggering \$30,000-per-day.

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Celebrating two decades in the heart of Times Square, the Millennium Broadway Hotel New York kicks off a month-long 20th Anniversary extravaganza, treating guests and visitors to daily giveaways, prize drawings and special events throughout the month of June. (millenniumhotelnyc.com) METRO NEWS SERVICES

Recharge in Sydney

Spend a laid back day after stepping off that long plane ride

JESSICA CARLSON Metro World News

Before you hit the beach or the outback, get the best of Sydney. In a day you'll easily see the opera house, the cute Aussie ani-

mals and much more. And where ever you go there's the best harbour view in the world.

Only have one day? Sydney is often the first, and possibly the best you see of Oz. Here's how I'd spend a jet lagged, laid back dav.



196 Glebe Point Rd. haveninnsydney.com.au

At the Haven Inn, a three-star hotel with a pool, air conditioning and A location right where I want to be in Glebe. This is a quietly fashionable inner city suburb with a warm and laid back atmosphere, where arty intellectual locals mix with backpackers.
WHERE TO SPEND THE

MORNING Circular Quay

Start with a healthy veggie breakfast at Iku Whole food (25a Glebe Point Rd.) and then hop on a bus down to Circular Quay. The city centre is compact and the historic quarters The Rocks, the stunning Opera house and the Royal Botanic Gardens are all within comfortable strol1

WHERE TO LUNCH The Shop on the Hop

I would get some take out food from The Shop on the Hop at Mrs Macquaries Point in the Royal Botanical gardens and munch on it in the shade of a gigantic tropical tree with the best harbour view in the world. I'd advise meat eaters to continue to the verandahs of the Botanic Gardens

WHERE TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON

Taronga zoo

restaurant.

taronga.org.au I'd get the ferry to Sydney's Taronga zoo.

includes return ferry ticket, zoo entry, bus transfer and sky safari. My apologies to fuzzy in-

digenous creatures, the highlight is the 3 p.m. daily Free Flight Bird Show with a stunning Sydney Harbour backdrop.

HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT

The Rocks Pub Tour therocks.com

With some luck I'll be

The Rocks Pub Tour, a way to learn more about Sydney's early days of convicts, whalers and sailors and wash it down with local brews like Tooheys (Australians don't drink Fosters at home).

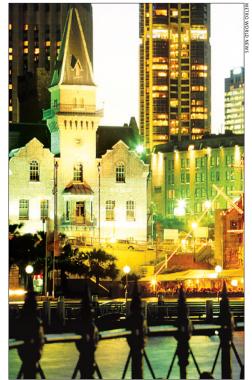
WHERE TO HAVE DINNER Zaffran

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sparkling lights of Darling Harbour and divine Indian food at award winning Zaaffran — a place where the food can compete with the view. (Set menu: three courses, \$31.50) Darling Harbour Sydney's is favourite dining, drinking and entertainment playground and a short cab



The Botanical Gardens have a great view of Sydney Harbour.



The Rocks Pub Tour is a good place to spend a jet-lagged evening

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Embracing Ibiza's night life

ROMINA MCGUINNESS Metro World NEws

Ibiza and its legendary dancefloors have been the undisputed king of cool

vacations for a quarter of a century.

Here's what to do as the sun goes down

WHERE TO LUNCH

Es Torrents

(estorrent.net)

As one of the island's best seafood (and seafront) restaurants, Es Torrents ofcluding gambas, lobster and tuna as well as the catch of the day. Sip a crisp white wine as you dip you toes in the sea after a relaxing lunch.

WHERE TO SPEND THE **AFTERNOON**

Salinas Beach

jockeyclubibiza.com

The select shore of Salinas is where the beautiful come to bathe.

Get yourself a sun lounger at hip beach bar Jockey Club Ibiza and or-

ten to the DJ spin classic summer hits while you slip into party mode.

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER

Las Dos Lunas lasdoslunas.com

Let the bougainvillea

and vines conceal you as you dine at the secluded Dos Lunas. Food is a fusion of Mediterranean cuisine, mainly Italian, featuring pallet-pleasers such as focaccia (baked in the outwood fire oven), door

chocolate mousse and ice cream.
HOW TO SPEND

THE NIGHT

Pacha

pacha.com

Forty years of sleepless nights and Pacha club hasn't a wrinkle to show for The heart and soul of Ibiza's party scene, the rule is to dance until your feet can't take it anymore. On your way home, stop at Croissant Show for strawberry, foie gras and champagne



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Washington isn't cheap but there are budget options.

Find a capital full of class in Washington **Beacon Bar & Grill**

Washington, D.C., is the beating heart of American politics which makes it a fascinating place to visit. Lucky it also has some of the world's best hotels and restaurants.

Here's how to visit it on a budget.

\$50 or less

Supercool eatery based on 1930s ocean liner with rooftop Martini Sky-Bar with great city views. The menu, like Saturday nights lobster/crab fest at \$28 seems ridiculously good value.

(bbgwdc.com)

\$100 or less Cityzen

Award-winning chef Eric Ziebold cooks up modern American with the best of

Throw in the DC cool set and a fiendishly clever wine list — its hard not to be impressed.

mandarinoriental.com

\$50 or less

The Allen Lee

We looked. There aren't any hotels available for less than \$50 a night.

But, look, this is the political capital of the world and hotels aren't cheap

even this one charges more than \$75 a night and the online reviews are, well, mixed to say the least.

2224 F St. NW, Washington DC

\$100 or less

The Melrose Hotel

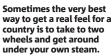
Nice real American hotel with a quality feel to it. Rooms are big and airy and the bar and restaurant are great for people watching.

Book a value-packed hotel vacation package with JetBlue Getaways in Florida staring June 16 at jetblue.com/vacations. Guests will receive a free, customized Beach Chic vacation starter kit. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Seeing Europe on two wheels

Metro finds the best cycling tours available across the pond

PAUL BALDWIN Metro World News



You're not insulated like in a car, and you aren't restricted to someone else's agenda as with public transport. And, as any cyclist will tell you, a biking holiday will get you talk-ing to the locals like nothing else.

Here are our current favourites.

ALPINE CYCLE

An Alpine cycling adventure without the pain. Head for the Salzburger lakeland, where you'll get the fresh air and the scenery but little of the uphill agony.

The routes tend to be trace gentle loops around shorelines of Fuschlsee and Wolfgangsee. Attractions include the

cog railway up Schafberg, the Mozart museum in St Gilgen and the church in



Mondsee, which played a starring role in The Sound of Music. A good base is the Salzburger Dolomitenhof Hotel which is offering three day tours from \$159.

ADRIATIC ISLANDS

CYCLE

With 1,185 offshore is-

lands scattered in clear blue water along a complicated 1,104-mile coastline a boat an bike combo is a fascinating and thrilling way to explore the region.

Try the one-week, 15 stop Island Hopping by Bicycle in Central and Southern Dalmatia tour at adriatica.net

TURQUOISE COAST CYCLE

There are few better ways to experience the beauty of the Gökova Region and get closer to Aegean culture than on



two wheels. Try the Akya-ka Weekly Bike Tour, a fairly easy cycle suitable for a family holiday. Riders set out from Akvaka before cycling into many traditional villages and bazaars

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Red Star Crostini Bar from 5pm

Leva Gelato from 5pm

Live Sound Stage from 5pm

DJ Junior Brown

Mexico's Third Annual Whale Shark Festival.kicks off July 16 in Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico. Visitors will be encouraged to swim with the fishes in the latest tours. Find out more at cevichetours.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Noise drifts away behind these headphones

Whether you're trying to drown out the sound of the rain battering your tent on a windswept moor or just trying to silence the baby in row 15 who's been screaming since take-off, a decent pair of headphones can be a traveller's best friend.

We've picked out our winners in each price band.

UNDER \$50 Sennheiser CX-300-II

These are not really noise-cancelling head-

phones but they are just so stunningly good that they have to be in.

Swap the lame headphones bundled with your MP3 and you'll feel you've been listening to your tracks favourite through cotton wool. Buckets-full of thumping bass and gether with super-exciting dynamics timing and make these headphones probably the best value piece of hi-fi available. A steal.

UNDER \$100 **Altec Lansing** Backbeat Titanium (Alteclansing.com)

pair of noise-isolators than noise-canrather cellers that turn in a fine

sonic performance. The four pairs of neoprene ear-tips include one with extra wide flange which helps block out the outside world. But the sound is the key here. The 10Hz - 20kHz frequency response really digs deep into those bass notes and the top end just sparkles. A top find.

UNDER \$250 B & W P5

(bowers-wilkins.com) The daddy of head-phones for music on the

move. The P5's are what all other headphones want to be when they grow Stylish, comfy, up. leather-upholstered, these headphones fairly are substantial for travel but do fold flat and

to be, balanced, dynamic, exciting, but above all natural. Every song will sound like a new track. Also perfectly suitable for your home hi-fi.

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Battle the crowds, Florence is worth the wait.

Learn why Florence continues to flourish

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This Italian gem is a chianti classic. Metro finds the places and spaces to

IT'S MY FIRST TIME -WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Although most places swarming with tourists, some are a must, no matter how long the ticket queue. Gape in awe

at the genius that is Brunelleschi's Cathedral, 'Duomo' and then shuffle your way through the camera-clad crowd Michelangelo's ethereal marble statue of the bibliethereal cal hero 'David' and don't miss the Ponte Vecchio bridge.

I'VE BEEN BEFORE —

WHAT SHOULD I TRY? The Uffizi Gallery is one of the most important centres for Renaissance art with work by Raphael, Michelangelo and Titian. For sweeping views of the Arno Valley and dome-studded city head to the hilltops over at Piazzale Michelangelo.

WHERE CAN I SHOP?

Mercato Centrale (Via del Ariento) is paradise for foodies. Wonderful local produce including balsamic vinegar, olive oil, and cheese is magnificently stacked at each stall. If you

want to get serious head to Via Turnabuoni for classic Italian labels such as Prada, Pucci and Gucci. **WHAT'S THE NIGHTLIFE**

LIKE?

Fabio Picchi's Teatro del Sale is an eclectic combination of theatre, trattoria and member's clubs is a great place to spend the night. On stage, you might find yourself listening to a poetry reading, musical or piano set.

\$15 million for UCN The Pas campus expansion

The Manitoba government announced this week a \$15 million investment in the University College of the North campus in The Pas, funding renovations to the existing campus and a new library and child-care facility. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

No more credit cards for VIU tuition

Effective this September, Vancouver Island University will no longer accept credit card payments for tuition or for student union and activity fees. The cost to administer credit card payments at the university is over \$420,000 per year, with credit card fees between \$330,000 and \$340,000 annually. VIU joins a number of Canadian institutions that have either stopped accepting credit cards for tuition payments or are considering such a policy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Harness your star power

KEITH CARMAN for Metro Canada

You're the new hotshot on the corporate block but nobody's heard of you? Maybe it's time to look at your promotion-

al strategy.
Formulating a branding plan is the first rule of virtually every notable personality — from U.S. President Barack Obama to Ellen De Generes.

"The common thread of success among (celebrities) is the fame formula," notes Maggie Jessup, co-author of Fame 101, a book dedicated to professional success secrets.
"They packaged their expertise into compelling personal brands, used Hollywood-level publicity to get visible and then promoted their brands to celebrity-hungry target communities

Maggie and partner Jay Jessup know how celebrities become popular, rich and happy due to their experience in their own publicity/branding boutique, Platform Strategy. Everyone from start-up gurus and scientists to actors, authors, lawyers and royalty have utilized their services with great suc-

Taking that experience to study the career mod-els of 75 celebrities, the Jessups have boiled down branding's rudimentary aspects into Fame 101.

"People who promote and publicize their personal brand enjoy three strong benefits: Greater visibility, enhanced credibility and increased income," notes Jay, reiterating that victory relies on creating a familiar, friendly visage.

You can maintain publicity by being snappy and Fame 101 authors highlight five favourite, brilliantly executed personal brands

Went from B-list player to million-dollar movie superstar. "by harnessing the power of publicity and continuously evolving his

personal

brand.

From grocery-store aisle pitch girl to cooking superstar with television shows, a magazine and book deals, "she's adept at personal branding and publicity but stays on top by remaining nice despite

 President Obama and Sarah Palin:

"Politics aside, each has captured and maintained a niche with the most powerful branding, publicity

and promotion of

the millennium.

"We don't even need to say

her last name, her brand is that powerful. Ellen is a great example of the lifetime value of consistently working on



becoming one of the era's most powerful brands."

entertaining, write a book "A successful book will change anyone's professional life overnight" and speak publicly when-ever possible in order to connect with large groups

"Look around at the next big event you attend," he adds. "The big brands are onstage delivering a 20-minute talk. It could easily be you. Very visible people are simply more successful. Personal branding done well delivers increased credibility and that in turn gives you an edge in any professional activity. Great personal

"People who promote and publicize their personal brand enjoy three Fame strong benefits: Greater visibility. enhanced credibility and increased

income."

Fame 101 co-author Jay Jessup

brands attract clients, win career opportunities and enjoy substantial financial rewards.'

However, the Jessups declare that you need something to offer in the first place. Personal branding is about maximizing that potential. While success can be expedient, continued prosperity takes time and con-

tinued work, even after one begins to reap rewards. However, once you find your niche, you don't have to be the next Oprah Winfrey, Maggie points out, anvone can make personal branding profitable.

"A coffee shop waitress can become an immensesuccessful national brand using the fame formula; Suze Orman did. A recently divorced mother, barely getting by as a bank teller can quickly change her fortunes and join society's elite; Paula Deen did. A grandmother from Alaska made \$19 million in the last nine months because she became adept at using branding and publicity. Why can't you?"



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Two early science fiction stories by the late crime novelist Stieg Larsson have been uncovered at the Swedish National Library in Stockholm. Library spokesman Hakan Farje says it received the two short stories as a private donation in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Entertainment

Entertainment Weekly is reporting
Canadian Ryan Reynolds is reteaming
with his The Proposal co-star, Sandra
Bullock, for an action comedy with
the working title Most Wanted.

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Soldiers of fortune

The A-Team remake ready to rip up the big screen

NED EHRBAR Metro World News

Bradley Cooper readily admits his favourite part of making the big-screen adaptation of The A-Team was working with Liam Neeson. The Oscar-nominated actor, who plays team leader Hannibal opposite Cooper's Face, elevated the entire production, he insists.

"You can't really argue with the talent and ability and experience, which is what he brought to the movie," Cooper says. "It's like if you step on a court with Michael Jordan, the court's going to feel different. He raised everyone's game."

But Neeson is quick to

point out he had some learning to do himself, especially when it came to improvisation — something Cooper does a lot. One particular day of

shooting comes to mind for Neeson: mind A-Team scene starts "This that's not on the page," he remem-"Bradley starts bers. this improv, and I'm going, 'What the hell is this? What is going on?' And then it would come to my line, and I'd forget my line because I was so busy watching Bradley and (director) Joe (Carnahan) getting off on each other. So it was terrifying, the first few days. I can't do that s-I'm an old traditionalist. I like to learn my lines and deliver them.

Improvisation aside, Neeson speaks highly of the experience of making The A-Team — but he also admits there were drawbacks to working on such a big project. "It's a big stu

dio movie, and of course there's a lot of studio input," Neeson says. "Every time we changed a semicolon, a comma, of course it had to be passed through the studio. That would get frustrating, personally speaking. Very frustrating."

For mixed martial arts fighter Quinton "Rampage" Jackson, stepping into the role of B.A. Baracus made famous by Mr. T was a point of honor more than anything else.

"There's no way I was go-

ing to come and try and outdo Mr. T," Jackson says. "I figured that if I just be myself and put myself in there, maybe the fans will accept me, because I'm such a big fan."

With The A-Team being Jackson's first major movie role, he could be excused for being a little nervous going up against the likes of Neeson and Cooper. But he managed to keep his cool, he insists — except once.

"My first scene working with Liam, when he carjacked me in the van, scared the living daylights out of me," Jackson says. "I'm from the hood. I've been shot at before, I've had a gun put to my head. But Liam scared the hell out of. He put this gun to



Bradley Cooper, from left, Sharlto Copley, Liam Neeson and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson star in The A-Team.

my head, and I almost pissed myself."

Rounding out the team is South African actor Sharlto Copley, the breakout star of last year's District 9, who signed on to play loose-cannon pilot Murdoch. Possibly the biggest fan of the series in the cast, Copley found making The A-Team almost like a vacation. District 9 was very grueling,

and the role was quite heavy at times emotionally. I found this actually very easy," he says, comparing the two films. "My part was the smallest of the four, so I had a lot of downtime in my trailer. I had lemurs visiting in my trailer, and had them turn it into a little petting zoo. I mean, these things you do on these big movies."

Attention: all aspiring TV hosts

TELEVISION Oprah Winfrey wants to give an undiscovered talent a chance to follow in her footsteps on her new cable network

The talk show host is teaming up with reality TV producer Mark Burnett on a show searching for the next big TV personality. Your Own Show: Oprah's Search for the Next TV Star will air on the Oprah Winfrey Network beginning in January, the same month of OWN's launch.

Winfrey is ending The Oprah Winfrey Show in September 2011 after 25 seasons

In a phone interview from Los Angeles, Burnett — the man behind such shows as Survivor and The Apprentice — said the premise fits perfectly into what people like to watch:

Regular people achieving extraordinary things.

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CSI: NY When a recovering drug addict

with a lot to live for is found dead in an alley, Mac (Gary Sinise) and the team learn he may have been the victim of a premeditated plot in "Second Chances." Vanessa Minnillo, Kim Kardashian, Lala Vazquez and Pat Monahan of the Grammy-winning group Train guest star; Melina Kanakaredes, Carmine Giovinazzo, Hill Harper and Eddie Cahill also star. 8 PM on CFRN



The Brothel Project

You may not think about the world's oldest profession the same way again after watching this documentary. It chronicles the efforts of activist and journalist Jody Paterson and retired sex worker Lauren Casey to challenge prevailing attitudes and laws and open a cooperative brothel — a safe workplace for those in Victoria's now-underground sex industry. They're joined by a working prostitute and a booking agent who share their vision. 10 PM on CITV



A court is telling Ja Rule to book a date in New York City this summer — for a trial in his three-year-old gun case. A Manhattan judge yesterday set an Aug. 18 trial date for Ja Rule, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rocking the CMTAs

Host musician promises viewers an 'awesome' party

Making her ESO debut

Kid Rock won't be too far out of his comfort zone as host of the Country Music Television Awards. It will be kind of like throwing a

"They're just kind of loose and fun, and they're geared that way — to have fun," he said of tonight's event, to be aired live on network Nashville's Bridgestone Are-

na.
"You go to the Grammys, and it's very serious. You're just like, 'Man, everyone lighten up a little bit. It's fun. It's music. Let's celebrate," he said. "And that's just kind of the atmosphere at the CMT Awards, just really laid back, really fun, got some over-the-top per-formances, a little riff raff here and there. It just creates for a good atmosphere, good time.

Kid Rock wouldn't reveal too much of what's going to happen during the show, but he did offer up a possible scenario.

There will probably be (a moment) where I propose to Kellie Pickler," he said. "She'll immediately dump me as I'm flirting with Carrie Underwood. I'll probably be smacked by Miranda Lambert for the whole fiasco. Then me and Jamey Johnson will go get drunk.

When informed that Lambert is now engaged to fellow country artist Blake Shelton, Kid replied, "I'm not messing with Blake or Miranda. I'm actually more scared of Miranda."

Back in April, he announced on his website that he would be hosting the CMT Awards by writing, "All I can promise is I will be

awe-Presenting some."

Asked would live up to that promise, he smirked and said, "This is where the cocky me out. comes How could I not be awesome?"

Even though he is known to

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Kid Rock, CMT Awards host

many for his rock music, over the years he has made Nashville a second home through collaborations with artists including the Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson and Gretchen Wilson

Unlike many artists from other genres who occasionally try to crossover into

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country music, fans and won a CMT Award last year CMT Crossroads with Hank

artists seem to have embraced Kid Rock. His 2008 song All Summer Long was a top five hit on the country singles chart, and the video He also taped an episode of Williams Jr. in 2001 and had a country

hit in 2002 with the



Kid Rock wil host tonight's Country Music Television Awards.

tonight

song Picture, sung with Sh-

eryl Crow.

"I'd like to say it's because I'm skinny. I'm cute. I'm fun at parties. The but I don't think that's the real **CMT** reason," he said **Awards air** of his appeal to

country listeners. "I think it

boils down to the music, maybe the honesty if I had to take a guess.

Besides his hosting duties, Kid Rock will also be performing on the show. thers in the lineup in-

clude Tim McGraw, Brad Paisley, the Zac Brown Band, Toby Keith, Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, Carrie Jamey

Underwood, Johnson, LeAnn Rimes, Keith Urban and John Mayer.

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McCoy puts dark tunes aside

Travie McCoy is a happy

The six-foot-five frontman of Gym Class Heroes exudes a cheery attitude; he even glows about sitting in a comfortable chair.

This is the first time I've sat in a chair where I can wiggle my feet. This is so awesome," McCoy, 28, says with a huge smile during an interview. "I feel like a little kid "

That kind of jovial attitude is all over his solo de-Lazarus, out this week. But McCoy acknowledges that the album didn't start off with that

"A lot of the songs, they all had kind of a dark tone to them and they were really sad and sombre," he said. "I didn't want it to go down that road. So I kind of reevaluated everything and I kind of put a lot of those songs to the side."

McCoy — who's going by his nickname Travie, instead of Travis, so listeners feel more connected to him - moved to Miami to record most of the album. which features T-Pain, Cee-Lo, Travis Barker and newcomer Bruno Mars.



Why was the record initially a dark one?

It's just where I was at mentally. Art imitates life and I tend to write a lot about my experiences and things I been through. And at the time I was going through a lot (in) my personal life. There was a lot of crazy stuff going on in my family, there was a couple deaths. All that was kind of creeping its way into the music and I was like, 'I need to stop this right now.' I've been known to kind of wear my heart on my sleeve so to speak, and I've been pretty vulnerable with the last few records that we put out with Gym Class Heroes. And this time around, I just wanted it to be fun.



Was it therapeutic to record the upbeat material?

I think it was more therapeutic to get that darker stuff out, you know what I



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Gym Class Heroes frontman Travie McCov is releasing his upbeat solo debut. Lazarus, this week.

mean? Getting all that out and you know, that was kind of my woosah. That's all out and it just made way for more positive and uptempo and happier songs.



Why did you want to do a solo CD?

We all had, you know, projects out-side of Gym Class Heroes, other musical outlets that we used to express ourselves musically. This is just one being put out on a bigger scale, you know, for public consumption. It wasn't necessarily meticulously plotted by the record label or something, you know, to

get Gym Class Heroes in a necessary position and toss me out there as a solo artist.

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How do you deal with being asked personal questions about your relationship with

publicist to tell whoever's interviewing me to not bring it up (laughs). (But) it usually does anyway. I'm a nice dude, I'm pretty easygoing about it if it does get brought up, but honestly, it's been a year and some change, you know. Like, I'm over it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dealing with Rush hour

Rush: Beyond the Lighted Stage is a doc-umentary

about one of the most successful independent husinesses in Canada rock band. But to the three members of Toronto's Rush, it's their lives, just what they've chosen to do, just like anyone chooses an occupation and dedicates their lives

Forty years and 40 million album sales later, lead vocalist/bassist/keyboardist Geddy Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer Neil Peart have a fascinating story about friendship, entrepreneurialism and the pursuit of excellence, and directors Sam Dunn and Scot McFadven tell it in a way that appeals to people who have never heard Rush, let alone want to know what the guys are like beyond the lighted stage.

"I don't think we've ever

looked at it as a big story, frankly," says Lee, sitting in the downtown office of Alliance Films with Lifeson. "It's hard to think of yourself in those terms. We just put one foot in front of the other and get on with it To see it on a screen like that is a bit overwhelming for us because it's 40 years of your life. And all those moments of putting one foot in front of the other have added up to be this big story."

Among the astounding where-did-you-find-that footage is a teenage Lifeson moaning how he wants to quit school to a 1973 concert at Laura Second Secondary School. The documentary serves as an example to any kid with a dream that might not be the norm.

Lee, Lifeson and Peart weren't there for each other's present-day interviews for the doc or for the guest interviews by fellow musicians.

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Geddy Lee. Neil Peart and Alex Lifeson and have been together as Rush for 40 years.

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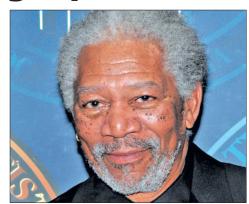
Science series tackles the tough questions

Actor Morgan Freeman didn't shy away from tough questions for his new Science Channel series about space exploration. On today's first episode he asks, "Was there a Creator?"

The question, as with most of the topics he discusses on the eight-episode series, is more likely to lead to more questions than it is to answers.

"What we're learning is we don't know a lot more than we do know," said Freeman, whose lifelong fascination with astronomy and space travel coincided with the Science Channel's effort to attract more attention to itself with the help of celebrities who bring a passion to their hobbies.

The Academy Award winner hosts and narrates the series, Through the Wormhole, and it was made by his production company.



Morgan Freeman — who often plays God onscreen — asks scientists the tough questions in his new Science Channel series.

Scientists are tapped to address issues like what happened before the creation of the universe, what dark matter is doing to the galaxies, whether time travel will someday be possible, what intelligent life might exist beyond Earth and how life began on

Earth.

The issues discussed in Through the Wormhole are "heady stuff," but they're presented in an entertaining and engaging way, said Debbie Meyers, the network's general manager.

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Demi Moore, an actress famous for showing all, will now tell all. HarperCollins announced Monday that it had acquired a "candid" memoir by the star. The book will cover her life and career and is tentatively scheduled for release in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Small details hamper Charlie's plea bargain

IN SMOKE A disagreement over the terms of Charlie Sheen's proposed work release has held up a plea deal in the domestic dispute case, according to a lawyer involved in the

negotiations.
Attorney Yale Galanter said yesterday that the final paperwork submitted to a judge would have placed Sheen under stringent rules while out of jail working at theatre company, including

not being able to smoke. Under the useful service program, he would have to follow jail rules

while

town, such

as only eating jail-provided meals. face sanctions. The jail also of-

arrangements, allowing people to report to their day jobs and essentially act as regular citizens during the day. However, Pitkin County sheriff's spokes-woman Deputy Marie Munday said that's intended for locals who need to keep their jobs while serving time. She said Sheen didn't qualify because he's not a resident with an existing job.

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Celeb**Tweets**

JESSICA SIMPSON makes the most important discovery of her life, JOHN CUSACK 1 is trying to keep his eyes open, and ELIZA DUSHKU is trying to be the mature one

@JessicaSimpson Liust might like Earth Balance more than butter thanks to one of my vegan friends

@johncusack friendship tour in china-- jetlagged and ready for anything ..

@elizadushku Peace & forgiveness to the snarky girl on Sunset Blvd I just called an 'idiot' who then called me a '\$*!.:+?' in return. All good!



TV star opens up about bisexuality

STANDING UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF VAMPIRES WORLDWIDE After sneaking the revelation that she is bisexual into a public service announcement in April, Anna Paquin is opening up about the issue. "It wasn't like it was a big secret. It was just a cause I cared about and privately supported but not one that I had ever had an opportunity to speak out about in a



those are issues I really care about. And frankly, I don't see why everyone doesn't care about them," she says of Cyndi Lauper's True Colors Fund, which lobbies for equal rights is-

The Oscar winner plays Sookie Stackhouse on hit HBO series True Blood, and engaged to co-star Stephen Moyer.

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Jackson pop demands more info on Michael's millions

BECAUSE MY CHEQUING ACCOUNT - ER, THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW! Michael Jackson has reportedly earned more than \$900 million US since his death last year, thanks to a lucrative deal his estate's executors made with Sony that included the concert film This Is It, according to the Daily Mirror. And his dad, Joe Jackson, wants to know more about the earnings. They are being too secretive. The public has a right to know what the estate is doing in his name, tells newspaper.

SAY'S BIG BOOK O' IM-PROBABLE EXCUSES: MY ANKLET WENT OFF FROM THE ALCOHOL VAPOURS OF PEOPLE'S DRINKS. WATCH FOR IT IN 3, 2... One night out with her SCRAM alcohol-monitoring anklet, and Lindsay Lohan already having prob-lems. The destarted

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Awards after-party, an eyewitness tells Star magazine. "All of a sudden, her SCRAM ankle bracelet started flashing furiously bright red, fast flashes — right through her boot," the source says. "She wasn't drinking or doing drugs that I saw. She didn't seem fazed whatsoever. I mean it was obvivery 0115

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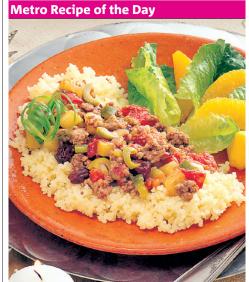
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Take Five



Tex-Mex Picadillo

INGREDIENTS:

500 g lean ground beef 2 cloves garlic, minced 540 ml can stewed tomatoes, undrained and cut up 1 medium-size apple, unpeeled and chopped 4 large green onions with tops, finely sliced 1/3 cup raisins 1/4 cup water 2 tbsp chopped pimentostuffed green olives 1 tbsp minced pickled jalapeño . 1 tbsp vinegar 1 tsp sugar 1/2 tsp celery seeds 1/2 tsp each ground cinnamon and ground cumin 1/4 tsp each salt and black

pepper

1. In skillet, cook ground

1/8 tsp ground cloves

beef and garlic over moderately high heat until meat is browned. Drain off

2. Stir in tomatoes, apple, green onions, raisins, water, olives, jalapeño pepper, vinegar, sugar, celery seeds, cinnamon, cumin, salt, black pepper and cloves.

3. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Serve over hot cooked rice.

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Today's cosmic picture promises a surprise of some sort, and while there is nothing to fear it might be wise to stay on good terms with family and friends

SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your latest idea may be a great one but a friend or colleague can see something about it that you have missed.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

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You must stay impartial, no matter how committed you may be to a particular viewpoint or set of beliefs.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

Why do so many people insist on seeing only the negative side of your proposals? Don't let it worry you. You'll make it happen, with or without them.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

You would be wise not to be lieve everything you see and hear over the next 24 hours. Could it be that someone is trying to trick you?

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
It is impossible for even an astrologer to predict how a certain situation will work itself out, so err on the side of caution.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 Why are some issues so hard to get your head around? Whatever the reason you will have to battle against chaos and confusion. It's

a battle you can, and must, win.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

You may not want to give some one a hard time over a mistake but if you let them get away with it they might make even bigger mistakes in the future.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You are not responsible for other people's failings, nor should you help them too much. The last thing you want is for them to come to rely on you.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Do you stick with what you know and trust or do you strike out in a radical and original direction? It's all about new

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Set yourself targets you know you will be able to reach and allow yourself plenty of time to relax. And don't panic if you

find yourself behind schedule.

FEB 19-MARCH 20

You seem to be of the opinion that nothing can possibly go wrong in your life and you are probably right. But don't take anything for granted.



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